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### **COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM RECERTIFIED**

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick County Agricultural Land Preservation Program was recertified on June 26 by the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) and Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF).

The certification approval allows counties to keep more locally generated agricultural land transfer tax in exchange for creating effective local land preservation programs which are continually evaluated and improved. Certified counties are allowed to keep 75 percent of the Agricultural Transfer Tax revenue (uncertified counties retain 33 percent of the revenue).

President Blaine Young of the Frederick Board of County Commissioners commented, “We continue to support the agricultural land preservation program in Frederick County. We are proud that our program ranks in the top 12 counties in the nation for acres preserved. One of this board’s priorities is to preserve the productive agricultural land that encompasses a majority of this county.”

Currently, 15 of Maryland’s 23 county’s have certification approval. Comments by MDP officials to MALPF acknowledge that Frederick County’s agricultural zoning is “most protective.” They further noted that the county’s farmland preservation program has been consistently among the most effective.

Frederick County was among the first counties to be certified in the state in the early 1990’s. Currently, 48,210 acres are permanently preserved through the various programs offered in Frederick County.

Information about the program may be found by visiting [www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/agpres](http://www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/agpres). For more details, contact Anne Bradley at 301-600-1474 or via e-mail at [abradley@frederickcountymd.gov](mailto:abradley@frederickcountymd.gov).

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